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Title: DESK SYSTEM

POWER OF ATTORNEY

The specification of the above-identified patent application:

is attached hereto
 was filed on November 28, 2000 as Application Serial No. 09/701,402.

I hereby revoke all previously granted powers of attorney in the above-identified patent application and appoint the following attorneys to prosecute said patent application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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The undersigned hereby authorizes the U.S. attorneys named herein to accept and follow instructions from _____ as to any action to be taken in the Patent and Trademark Office regarding this application without direct communication between the U.S. attorney and the undersigned. In the event of a change in the persons from whom instructions may be taken, the U.S. attorneys named herein will be so notified by the undersigned.

Herman Miller, Inc., a Michigan corporation, certifies that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of either:

An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application identified above, a copy of which is attached hereto.
 OR

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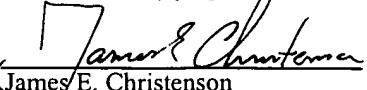
Additional documents in the chain of title are listed on a supplemental sheet.

The undersigned has reviewed the assignment or all the documents in the chain of title of the patent application identified above and, to the best of undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee identified above.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to act on behalf of the assignee.

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Date: 3/12/2001

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Full name of seventh joint inventor	<u>James Harold Nienhuis</u>	
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John C. Freeman Name of Person Signing		 Signature	
		<u>March 16, 2001</u> Date	
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, William Frederick Schacht, Lynda Elizabeth Chesser, Michael Francis Stirling, William Bruce Ehmann, Michael James Katje, Thomas Allen Brozek, and James Harold Nienhuis, hereinafter called the "Assignors", have made the invention described in Patent Cooperation Treaty Application No. PCT/US99/11105, filed on May 19, 1999, entitled DESK SYSTEM, and in the United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/701,402, filed on November 28, 2000 and entitled DESK SYSTEM;

WHEREAS, Herman Miller, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, having a place of business at 855 East Main Avenue, Zeeland, Michigan 49464-0302, hereinafter called the "Assignee", desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and the patent application identified above, and all patents which may be obtained for said invention, as set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other valuable and legally sufficient consideration, the receipt of which by the Assignors from the Assignee is hereby acknowledged, the Assignors have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer to the Assignee, the entire right, title and interest for the United States in and to the invention and the patent application identified above, and any patents that may issue for said invention in the United States; together with the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and all patent applications and patents therefor in all countries foreign to the United States, including the full right to claim for any such application all benefits and priority rights under any applicable convention; together with the entire right, title and interest in and to all continuations, divisions, renewals and extensions of any of the patent applications and patents defined above; to have and to hold for the sole and exclusive use and benefit of the Assignee, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for all such patents.

The Assignors hereby covenant and agree, for both the Assignors and the Assignors' legal representatives, that the Assignors will assist the Assignee in the prosecution of the patent application identified above; in the making and prosecution of any other patent applications that the Assignee may elect to make covering the invention identified above; in

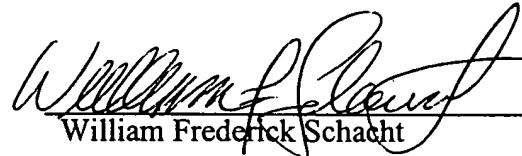
vesting in the Assignee like exclusive title in and to all such other patent applications and patents; and in the prosecution of any interference which may arise involving said invention, or any such patent application or patent; and that the Assignors will execute and deliver to the Assignee any and all additional papers which may be requested by the Assignee to carry out the terms of this Assignment.

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized and requested to issue patents to the Assignee in accordance with the terms of this Assignment.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Assignors have executed this agreement.

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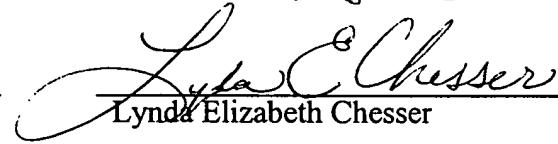
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William Frederick Schacht

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Lynda Elizabeth Chessier

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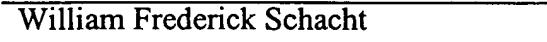
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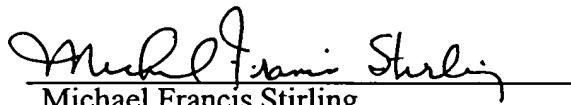
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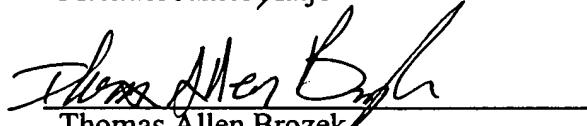
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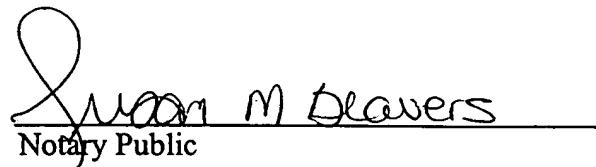
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STATE OF Michigan)
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COUNTY OF Kent)

I, Susan M. Beavers, A Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that William Frederick Schacht, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that (s)he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his/her free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal, this 12th day of Feb, 2001.



Susan M Beavers
Notary Public

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires: 8/26/2001

STATE OF Michigan)
) ss.
COUNTY OF Kent)

I, Susan M. Beavers, A Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Lynda Elizabeth Chessler, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that (s)he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his/her free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal, this 12th day of Feb, 2001.



Susan M Beavers
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My Commission Expires: 8/26/2001

STATE OF Michigan)
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COUNTY OF Ottawa) ss.

I, Janet Montgomery, A Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Michael Francis Stirling, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that (s)he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his/her free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal, this
14th day of Feb, 2001.

Janet L. Montgomery
Notary Public

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires: 9-5-04

JANET L. MONTGOMERY
NOTARY PUBLIC OTTAWA CO., MI
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I, W. Bruce Ehmann, A Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that William Bruce Ehmann, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that (s)he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his/her free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal, this
day of 16th 2001.

W. Bruce Ehmann
Notary Public

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires: June 08, 2005

STATE OF Michigan)
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I, Janet Montgomery, A Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Michael James Katje, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that (s)he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his/her free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal, this 14th day of Feb, 2001.

Janet L. Montgomery
Notary Public

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires: 9-5-04

JANET L. MONTGOMERY
NOTARY PUBLIC OTTAWA CO., MI
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STATE OF Michigan)
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COUNTY OF Ottawa)

I, Janet Montgomery, A Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Thomas Allen Brozek, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that (s)he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his/her free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal, this 14th day of Feb, 2001.

Janet L. Montgomery
Notary Public

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires: 9-5-04

JANET L. MONTGOMERY
NOTARY PUBLIC OTTAWA CO., MI
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES SEP 5, 2004

STATE OF Michigan)
COUNTY OF Ottawa) ss.

I, D. A. Sueni, A Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that James Harold Nienhuis, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that (s)he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his/her free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal, this day of June 14, 2001

D. A. Sueni
Notary Public

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires: June 05, 2005

Subscribed and sworn before me, this 14th
day of June, 2001, a Notary Public
in and for Ottawa County,
State of Michigan.

D. A. Sueni
(Signature)
NOTARY PUBLIC

June 05, 2005

